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## Upcoming Events:

- December 24—Offices Closed for Christmas Day
- December 31—Offices Closed for New Year's Day
- January 17—Offices Closed for Martin Luther Kings Birthday
- February 8—Grazing Meeting-Jim Gerrish
- February 19—Quail Forever Banquet

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## Grazing Meeting with Jim Gerrish Scheduled for February 8th

**Sarah Szachnieski**  
**Resource Conservationist**  
**NRCS**

Management Intensive Grazing, Wintering Cattle on Stockpile Fescue, Sustainable Grazing Operations... Who do you think of when you hear these "phrases"? Hopefully **Jim Gerrish** comes to mind. On February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011 the Montgomery and Warren county Soil and Water Conservation Districts in partnership with the Natural Resources Conservation Service will be hosting Jim Gerrish of American

Doors for the conference will be open at 2:00pm for registration and visiting with vendors. The program will begin at 3:30pm. Registration will be \$15.00 a person payable in advance or \$20.00 at the door, and includes a catered meal, snacks and refreshments.

For more information please contact the Montgomery County office at 573.564.3715 ext 3 or the Warren County office at 636.456.3434 ext 3.



**Speaker: Jim Gerrish**  
**American**  
**GrazingLands**  
**LLC**

**February 8, 2011 Grazing Meeting Registration**

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GrazingLands LLC at the High Hill Christian Church.



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## 10 Years of Service

*Left—David Korman was recognized for 10 years of service to the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). As many of you know, Dave also worked for the Montgomery County Soil & Water Conservation District as a District Technician for several years before starting with NRCS in 2000. Congratulations Dave!*

## **Montgomery County SWCD Seeking Candidates for Supervisor Election**

**Brenda Van Booven**  
**District Manager**

The Montgomery County Soil and Water Conservation District is announcing that the terms of current supervisors Harry Cope and Jim Kleinsorge will expire in March of 2011. An election will be held to fill these vacancies.

The county is divided into four territories with one representative from each territory, plus a single representative from the University of Missouri Extension Center serving as board secretary.

The primary duty of a board supervisor is to manage the operation of the Soil and Water Conservation District. These duties include administering district funds received from the Parks and Soils Tax, conducting informational meetings and tours, sponsoring educational programs for youth and maintaining a program of machine rentals.

Candidates for the position are selected by a nominating committee consisting of producers from each territory in which the vacancy will occur. The committee members are appointed by the district board prior to each election. Territory II – Upper Loutre and Montgomery Townships nominating committee is Ron Talley, Randy Todd, Mark Stevens. Territory IV – Prairie and North ½ of Bear Creek Townships nominating committee is Derrick Cope, Randy Lotton, Gloria Leverett

Two nominating committees are seeking candidates for each territory. Territory II includes Upper Loutre and Montgomery Townships currently held by Jim Kleinsorge. Territory IV includes Prairie Township and North half of Bear Creek Township currently held by Harry Cope.

If you are interested in running for an open position on the board of supervisors, please stop by the Montgomery County SWCD office or call (573) 564-3715 ext. 3.

## **Avis Brothers Receive Area 2 Earth Team Volunteer Award**

**Sarah Szachnieski**  
**Resource Conservationist, NRCS**

The Warren and Montgomery FOSA would like to congratulate Ben and David Avis for being recognized as the recipients' of the Area 2 Earth Team Volunteer Group Award. Ben and David Avis are passionate volunteers and outspoken supporters of NRCS's programs and services.

In 2001 Ben came to us looking for some technical advice for a farm that he and his brother were renting to run cattle on. After attending grazing school, installing waterline, fence, waterers, and CRP riparian buffer, the Avis Brothers were asked if they would host a grazing school field day, thus setting off a series of years of grazing tours on their farm.

After becoming more concerned with the health of their forest group and wanting to expand their grazing system Ben came back to us to apply for EQIP, and with EQIP use exclusion from all the woods was completed, a spring was developed, and TSI was completed on the forest ground.

Recently Ben and David submitted applications and were offered contracts for CSP on both their pasture and forestry ground, as representative of the stewardship they have done thus far.

## **State Cost-Share Sign-up Montgomery County**

**By: Brenda Van Booven  
District Manager**

The Montgomery County Soil and Water Conservation District will be holding a State cost-share sign-up starting January 3, 2011. Landowners who are planning to construct conservation practices between July 1, 2010 and June 30, 2011 with state cost-share assistance need to sign up by stopping by the office at 1013 South Sturgeon in Montgomery City or calling 573-564-3715 ext. 3.

To be eligible for cost-share assistance you must meet certain criteria. Land having a FSA farm number or assessed agricultural land. You must have a conservation plan and the soil must either be eroding excessively or have active erosion problem.

Conservation resource concerns are Grazing Management, Ground Water Protection, Irrigation Management, Sensitive Areas, Streambank Erosion, Sheet and Rill/Gully Erosion, Woodland Erosion. The State cost-share funds are made available by the 1/10 of 1% Parks and Soils Tax.

Ben and David have assisted the NRCS and SWCD office in Warren County by opening their farm for training sessions, grazing schools, grazing tours, and just a landowner or employee who wants to better understand how a spring works, or what type of watering system might work for them. Ben has spoke at grazing conferences for us about his system and his experience with NRCS and our programs and technical services. It makes a big difference for a landowner to hear it from a landowner instead of an agency personnel when tough questions arise, like "I don't know if I really want to get involved with these programs, the government will be out checking on me all the time and telling me what I can do on my farm." And Ben just smiles and says "I have never had a problem with that on my farm, they don't bother me."

## 2010 SWCD Training Conference

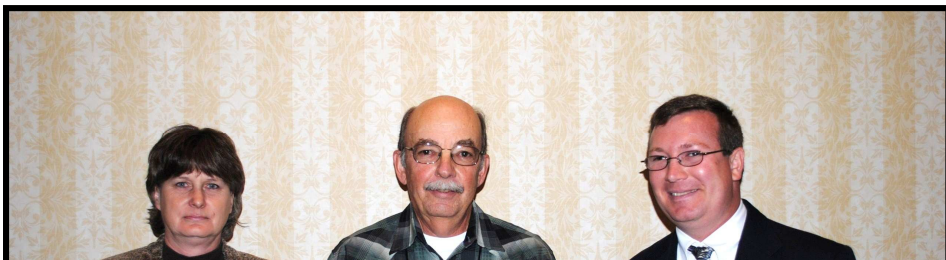
Osage Beach – **Cooperative Conservation** was the theme that drew 625 people to Tan-Tar-A Resort in Osage Beach for the annual soil and water conservation districts training conference November 29 to December 1, 2010. The annual conference is coordinated by the Missouri Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts in partnership with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources Soil and Water Conservation Program and the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service.

The emphasis for the 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Training Conference focused on the cooperation necessary to provide a successful conservation program. Steve Radcliff, President of the Missouri Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, welcomed the group with remarks centered on the theme. Keynote speaker, Chief Dave White of the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, emphasized the various resources across the United States and the cooperative efforts needed to protect them.

The conference is a yearly event which brings supervisors together to focus on training needs. The business meeting included a discussion on tracking the number of hours of board training. This year's workshops ranged from technical training on LiDAR, GPS and Soil Health to information about the Sunshine Law, Personnel Law, Accounting and Timekeeping programs, and District audits.



**NRCS Chief Dave White was the Keynote Speaker on the first day of the conference**



## 2011 DCP/ACRE Signup Has Begun

**Priscilla Eggering & Ryan Eddy, CEDs  
Montgomery/Warren Counties**



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Enrollment for the 2011 Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) has begun and will continue through June 1, 2011. Eligible producers may request advance payments of 22% of their direct DCP payment and the remaining 78% will be issued after October 1, 2011.

Producers who are eligible for the DCP program are eligible to enroll in the ACRE Program which is a farm by farm irrevocable election. DCP/ACRE contract signatures for enrollment are due by the signup deadline of June 1, 2011. For more information on the program or to setup a time to signup contact your local FSA office.

## New Financial Services Website Available

**Ryan Eddy/Priscilla Eggering, FSA**

The Farm Service Agency has developed a new website which allows producers to conveniently view their financial information and conduct FSA business. The website is accessible to producers who have registered for e-Authentication Level 2 access. Producers may register for an e-Authentication Level 2 account at [www.eauth.egov.usda.gov](http://www.eauth.egov.usda.gov).

After obtaining a Level 2 account, producers may access the Financial Services website to view summary and detailed information about specific payments, collections, outstanding debt (excluding loans) and CCC-1099-G statements. This information is available for producers who have registered for e-Authentication Level 2 access.





***Employee Representatives Debbie Niederer-Warren Co. SWCD and Charlie Perkins-St. Charles Co. SWCD from Area 5 are pictured with Area 5 Employee Award Recipient, Art Flieg, District Technician from Ste. Genevieve, MO.***

formation can be helpful for record keeping and income tax preparation. Also through the website, producers may conduct FSA business activities such as assigning a payment to a third party, request that a payment be made jointly to themselves and a third party, or route their payments to be direct deposited into their bank account.

The Financial Services website is <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/fmi>. If you have any questions about obtaining an e-Authentication Level 2 account, or regarding the Financial Services website, please contact your local FSA county office.

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## Essay Winners from Puetz Farm Tour

### What I Learned on the Conservation Farm Tour

Overall Winner – Day 1 of Puetz Farm Tour

On our trip to the Puetz Family Farm we learned many things such as farm safety, the use of rocks and minerals, soil, fishing, and electricity safety.

On a farm, you need to have a partner. Never go in a grain bin alone because it will only take 5 seconds to be covered in grain. You also shouldn't wear loose clothing around tractors to keep your clothes from getting caught in the machines.

At the rocks and minerals station, Mr. Cook showed us many different kinds of rocks and fossils found in Missouri. He said that many things we use today are made of rocks. He showed us the tools they used a long time ago.

We also learned that soil is made of sand, silt, and clay. It takes many years for the topsoil to grow and not so long for erosion.

### What I Learned on the Conservation Farm Tour

Overall Winner – Day 2 of Puetz Farm Tour

On Puetz Farm at the Soil Station I learned that soil comes in different colors of gray, brown, and other colors. I also learned that it takes 600-1000 years to make one inch of soil. Then later I learned that weather helps make dirt by breaking up the rocks then it becomes soil.

Then at the Farm Safety Station I learned that you should have a buddy with you when you go in the grain bin. I also learned never to eat something you don't know what it is. Also to keep medicines in it's original containers.

In the Electricity Station I learned about the 10 foot rule. I also learned that birds don't get electrocuted when they sit on electrical lines because they are not touching the ground. Then I learned that electricity travels the speed of light. That is really fast!

the topsoil to grow and not so long for erosion to destroy it. Fish are scaly and slimy because it protects them from dirty water. We learned that electricity travels at the speed of light, and we should stay 10 feet away from any power lines.

Thank you to all the people for giving us a splendid field trip. Special thanks to the Warren County Soil and Water Conservation District and the Puetz family for teaching us everything.

Rebecca Boone Elementary School

the speed of light. That is really fast. These are some of the things that I learned at Puetz Farm. Thank you Soil & Water Conservation for an awesome day!

Rebecca Boone Elementary School



## John Baker Retiring

### ***Tammy Teeter District Conservationist***

At the end of December John Baker our Wetland Soil Scientist will be retiring. Many of you know John as he has been completing Wetland Determinations in Montgomery/Warren County for the last several years. John also serves many other counties in NE Missouri working with Wetland Determination, Wetland Reserve Programs and the Conservation Reserve Program that FSA administers.

John has worked in many offices throughout the state and has trained many employees as in myself some 20 years ago! When you are dealing with Wetlands, especially ones you don't want, it is a very touchy subject but with John the landowners are treated fairly and understand why he makes the calls he does and also has a better understanding of wetlands after he leaves.

John, I would like to say "Thanks for all you have done for the landowners in our counties and we all wish you a great retirement!"

## In Memory of Wilfred Bruckerhoff



***Wilfred Bruckerhoff is pictured with a deer he harvested in 2009. He had the first deer kill of the year, he tied with someone to win the buck pot at "The Shack". All the guys and gals that hunt at The Shack have walkie talkies when they are out in the woods, and the word was out that the "The Shack Boss has set the bar." So true, in many more ways than deer hunting.***

Wilfred Bruckerhoff served on the Montgomery County Soil and Water Conservation District for 26 years. I was fortunate to have worked with him the last 19 years he served.

I remember the first time I met Wilfred at his farm near Rhineland, he was working with his hogs and as I introduced myself this very large callused hand came toward me and when I shook it I thought "man he is strong" as I had not experienced a hand shake like that before! And when I got back to the office Marlene just said "I guess you found Wilfred" I said how did you know, she replied "I can smell you"!



***John Baker (right) and Tim Engemann (left) on John's last trip to Montgomery/ Warren Co. FOSA completing a wetland determination.***

This first impression meant a lot to me and also made me realize how much first impressions mean. As Wilfred was a very strong man I found out in his work toward conservation and serving the landowners in the south part of the county that he represented. I also soon found out how much family meant to Wilfred especially around deer season when the kids and grand-kids and neighbors came to Deer Camp.

All of us at the Montgomery and Warren County NRCS/ SWCD offices appreciate the time Wilfred put in on the board and the support he gave us. I remember many board meetings where he and Walden Cope would have discussions on how to serve the landowners with the cost share money that was received. He always let Walden go to the SWCD Commission meeting as anyone that knew Wilfred realizes for some reason when he would get into those type of meetings next thing you knew he was enjoying a good nap but always seemed to wake up about lunch time!

We would like to say "Thank You" to Sylvia and the Bruckerhoff family for sharing Wilfred with us as anyone that had the opportunity to meet or work with Wilfred had a friend.

***Tammy Teeter  
District Conservationist***



## ***Calvin Bishop is speaker at National American Indian/Alaska Heritage Month Meeting***

***Tammy Teeter  
District Conservationist***

On Tuesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> the Montgomery County USDA Service Center had lunch together to recognize National American Indian/Alaska Heritage Month. The CED read the excerpt from the special emphasis calendar of why we recognize this event. Calvin Bishop of Montgomery City was present as guest speaker. Calvin shared with us his stories of working construction in Alaska for 30 plus years. He informed us of different tribes (Athapaskan, Inupiat, Tlingit & Aleut) customs and how they sustain themselves living off the land.

He had several pictures which included wildlife such



## ***Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) Deadline is January 7th, 2011***

**Columbia, MO** — The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) reminds Missouri farmers, ranchers and foresters of a January 7, 2011, deadline to application for Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) benefits.

"CSP has a continuous sign up, but only applications received by January 7 will be eligible for the next round of funding," says State Conservationist J.R. Flores.

CSP is a voluntary program designed to encourage participants to adopt additional conservation practices and improve, maintain and manage existing ones. Eligible lands include cropland, pastureland, and non-industrial private forestland.

"CSP is one of our most popular conservation programs," Flores says. "It rewards participants for conservation measures they have already implemented and for new measures they agree to add."

NRCS is in the process of mailing CSP payments to Missouri producers whose applications were submitted and approved during previous funding periods. NRCS is distributing more than \$38 million to Missouri landowners as a result of about 3,200 contracts approved through CSP and its predecessor, the Conservation Security Program.

To sign up for CSP, or to get more information about it and other NRCS programs, contact the NRCS office serving your county. For Montgomery County, the phone number is 573-564-3715, x3 and Warren County is 636-456-3434, x3; or access this website: <http://offices.usda.gov>.

***MO River Valley Chapter of  
Quail Forever  
to Hold Fundraising Event  
in Washington, MO***

In order to fund our purpose which





as bears and moose. He also brought with him some articles that included baskets and beaded items that were handmade by the natives.

Thanks Calvin!



in order to fund our purpose which is to promote, restore and conduct programs to improve habitat for quail and wildlife in general. To conduct programs to allow youth to enjoy the unique experience of quail hunting and the outdoors. Quail Forever is the only national conservation organization where 100% of the net funds raised by local chapters stays with the chapter.



We only have one fundraiser per year. Our first chapter banquet will be at Our Lady of Lourdes parish hall in Washington MO on Saturday, February 19, 2011.

For more information or purchasing tickets, please contact one of the following officers: Larry Hanks, President 573-237-2623 or Arvil Kappelmann 636-239-4127.



## ***NRCS Area 2 Awards Held in Hannibal***



***David Korman-NRCS and Sarah Szachnieski-NRCS both received awards for outstanding service to the producers of Montgomery and Warren Counties in implementing the Conservation Stewardship Program during Fiscal Year 2010.***



***Jordan Beshears was recognized for outstanding performance, hard work, and dedication to the Montgomery and Warren FOSA as a WAE employee and as a volunteer during Fiscal Year 2010.***



***Tim Korman was recognized for extra effort and outstanding performance in the 1985-1986 slide-scanning project that benefits all Area 2 counties and staff during Fiscal Year 2010.***



***Tammy Teeter, District Conservationist received an award for leadership to the Montgomery/Warren FOSA for implementing the Farm Bill Programs and conducting successful outreach during FY 2010.***



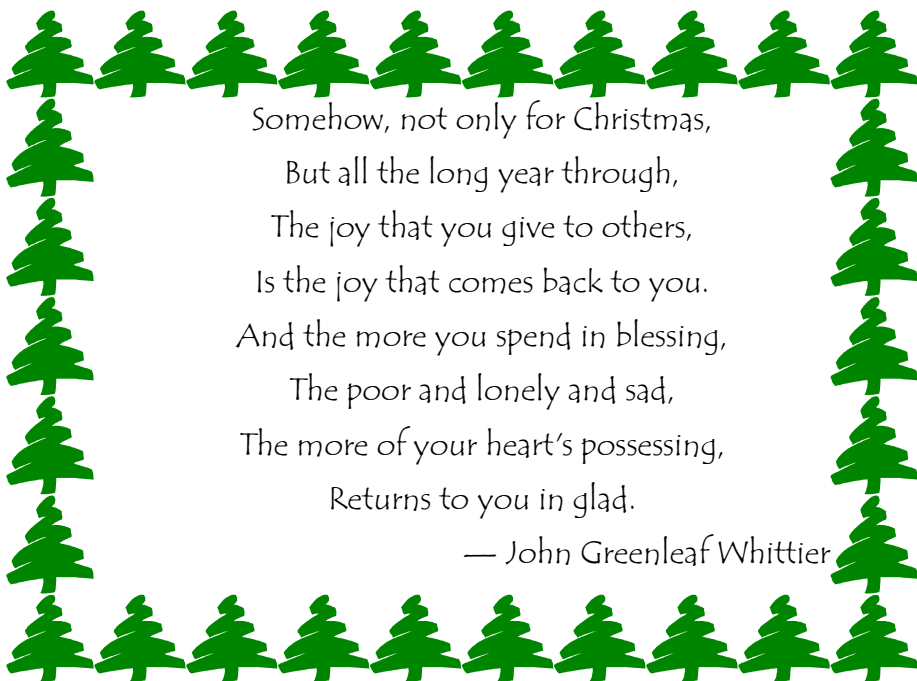
**To see what's happening in Missouri soil and water conservation districts, go to [www.swcd.mo.gov](http://www.swcd.mo.gov) and click on the county you are interested in.**





**Merry  
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and  
Best Wishes  
for a  
Happy  
New Year!**

—from the Montgomery & Warren  
County USDA Service Centers



Somehow, not only for Christmas,  
But all the long year through,  
The joy that you give to others,  
Is the joy that comes back to you.  
And the more you spend in blessing,  
The poor and lonely and sad,  
The more of your heart's possessing,  
Returns to you in glad.

— John Greenleaf Whittier

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Vermeer Mulcher ..... \$50 per day/1st hr free • \$25/each additional hour  
Warm Season Grass Burn Equipment ..... \$10 per day  
Root Plow ..... \$7 per day  
ATV Seeder ..... \$20 per day  
ATV Disc Harrow w/trailer..... \$20 per day  
ATV Plotmaster w/trailer..... \$50 per day  
ATV Tank Spray Unit..... \$10 per day  
ATV Harrow ..... FREE

**Available through Matt Berry, near Marthasville, 636-932-4035**

10' John Deere No-Till Drill ..... \$8 acre  
\$25.00 minimum charge

**Available through Ralph Glosemeyer, in Concord Hill, 636-932-4897**

7' Great Plains No-Till Drill with Native Grass Box..... \$8 acre  
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Robert J. Ridgley, District Technician  
Ann Whitehead, Lower Loutre & Bear Brush Creek AgNPS Project Manager  
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Warm Season Grass Burn Equipment ..... \$10 per day  
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Truax "Seed Slinger" - Hand Grass Seeder .....FREE  
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10' ATV Mounted Sprayer .....FREE  
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